

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

#### \*LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift: Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

### WELCOME

#### \*HYMN #128

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

MUNICH

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in**

**Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

BE NOT AFRAID

**Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**

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*Choir and congregation sing several times*

## THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21 (p. 119 New Testament)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

**O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

**You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.**

May your glory, O LORD, endure forever; may you rejoice in all your works.  
You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.  
May these words of mine please you; I will rejoice in the LORD.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah**

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39 (p. 100 New Testament)  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
SERMON

\*HYMN #319

Spirit

*Spirit*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(see insert)

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Simon Brown

*"Come, Gracious Spirit"*

\*DOXOLOGY

EASTER HYMN

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(see insert)

**SENDING**

\*HYMN#131

ABERYSTWYTH

*Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE



**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
PENTECOST**

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